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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The use of the phrase "such as", in claim 1, renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claims 1, 5, 13 and 21 make use the term "and" in place of "or" when these terms are preceded by the alternative phrase "such as one of" or "at least one of".

Claims 6, 7, 11, 15-19, 21 and 22 recite the phrase "said interface (110)". It is unclear as to which interface Applicant is referring to, since the phrase is followed by the reference number (110), which was previously designated as the external interface.

Claim 20 recites the limitation "the initialization unit" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wagner et al. (USPN 5,903,462).

In reference to claims 1-8, Wagner discloses a hand-held work tool, comprising: a housing (110); including a setting mechanism (column 1 lines 35-40); and at least one acceleration sensing device (306) for detecting acceleration forces occurring during a setting impulse; a handle part (120); an internal interface (112) for at least one of data communication and data output is arranged on the hand-held tool, and communicates with an external interface (column 10 lines 14-17) for providing data input and data output, the external interface having an optical data display unit (column 7 lines 1-2), operating elements, and signal means (210); an internal interface evaluation and storage mechanism (column 6 lines 58-66) and an external interface evaluation and storage mechanism (remote software) for processing and storing data detected by the sensing device (306); and at least one discriminating means (310) for differentiating between impulses caused by the setting impulse and other acceleration forces.

6. Claims 1, 4, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over Mallick, Jr. et al. (USPN 4,051,351).

In reference to claims 1 and 4, Mallick, Jr. et al. discloses a hand-held working tool comprising: a housing (12); a handle (column 1 line 23); a work mechanism (8); a sensing device

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capable of monitoring acceleration forces by the work mechanism (column 4 lines 3-10), as well as the pressure of gas released by the work mechanism (column 6 lines 19-25); and an interface (30) for data communication and data output, whereby discriminating means differentiate between impulses (column 13, lines 44-49).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 9-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wagner et al. (USPN 5,903,462) in view of Schmitzer et al. (US 2003/0006051).

Regarding claims 9-13 Wagner et al. discloses a hand-held work tool comprising an internal interface (112) for data communication and data output regarding impulses within the tool, wherein the interface (112) has an evaluation and storage means for real-time measurements, the storage means having storage areas allocated to specific characteristics via an operator (column 4 lines 9-60); means for initializing and disabling a sleep-mode (column 3 lines 45-47); an external interface having input means for entry of user-specific identification characteristics (column 10 lines 14-50). Wagner et al. does not disclose the internal interface having means to specifically monitor the handle of the tool.

Schmitzer et al. teaches a hand-held work tool, comprising: a housing (1) including a handle (2) and a setting mechanism (3); and at least one acceleration sensing device (11) located

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on the handle (3) for detecting acceleration forces occurring during a setting impulse; an internal interface (7) for data communication and data output is arranged on the hand-held tool; an internal interface evaluation and storage mechanism (page 1 paragraph 11) for processing and storing data detected by the sensing device (11), wherein the evaluation and storage unit detect acceleration load absorbed by the handle and transferred to an operator. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the tool of Wagner et al. to include the handle sensor of Schmitzer et al. for the purpose of monitoring and reducing vibration transferred to the operator through the handle (Schmitzer et al.-page 1 paragraphs 4 and 9).

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gloria R Weeks whose telephone number is (571) 272-4473. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 am - 6:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

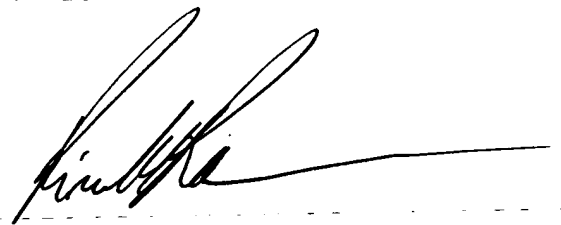
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